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*National Security Decision
Directive Number 113*SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
USED BY KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (C)

Mobile and fixed communications systems used by key US Government officials in the Nation's capital and surrounding areas are especially vulnerable to intercept and exploitation by foreign intelligence services. Information transmitted over such systems often is extremely sensitive. Even information which in isolation is unclassified can reveal highly sensitive classified information when taken in aggregate. To limit this aspect of the hostile intelligence threat, I direct immediate action be taken to provide secure mobile and fixed official telecommunications systems to support the US Government officials in the following categories. (TS)

- Presidential and Vice Presidential communications.
- Cabinet members.
- Other officials in line of succession to the President.
- Other officials in line of succession to a Cabinet member.
- Other senior officials of the Executive Branch as designated by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, whose responsibilities are such that they require a direct and immediate communications capability with the President, and the Vice President. (C)

First priority shall be given to securing mobile telephone systems and other communications systems in the Nation's capital area for such key officials. These shall be secured within six months of the date of this directive. Second priority shall be given to all other systems which support such key officials. These shall be secured as soon as possible, but in no case later than two years from the date of this directive. (C)

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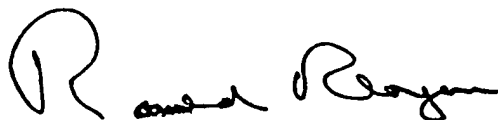
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The Secretary of Defense shall act as the Executive Agent for this effort in coordination with the heads of other subscriber departments and agencies. The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will determine the users and the priority of implementation of these new systems. (C)

The Director, National Security Agency shall act for the Secretary of Defense in prescribing security standards and fulfilling subscribers' requirements for security equipment. In the case of Presidential and other White House communications, requirements for security equipment and other operational considerations shall be coordinated with the Director, White House Military Office. (C)

The Secretary of Defense shall submit an initial report on the status of implementation of the directive no later than March 1, 1984, and periodically thereafter. (U)

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